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Miss Shelley Andrews
The Mike Douglas Show
1619 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Andrews,

A little over a month ago I spoke to either you or Miss Shirtell about my then to-be-published book, OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS: CASE FOR CONSPIRACY WITH THE CIA. I was then about to leave for a speaking trip, which took me to New Orleans, where I am an unofficial investigator (people will talk to me when they will not to the "fuzz"), Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Possibly because my approach is different and is my own, possibly because I am the only one writing in the field who has continued his investigations and analysis, but for whatever reason, before I completed the trip I began to receive return invitations. Those colleges I address have asked me to speak again early in the coming year. The local TV shows on which I was have already booked return engagements.

In the east the attitude seems to be different. There seems to be a climate of fear I hope you do not share. On every other subject, we presume men are not only capable of error but will commit it. Thus we have an appeals system to rectify the mistakes of judges. And most of us feel that society is strengthened, not weakened, by the rectification of error. I believe that when the government honestly acknowledges that its investigation of the murder of President Kennedy is inadequate and holds a new one, entirely in public, it will be strengthened, not weakened, and it will have recaptured some of the respect it has lost.

If you have not received the copy of my fourth book on this subject from the publisher, or the third that I sent several months earlier (it is on the suppressed pictures), please let me know and I will send them.

The third is the first with an extensive appendix of the once-secret documents. It has photogrpahic reproductions of them on 150 pages. Backstopping the fourth is about 400 pages, mostly formerly suppressed, that could not be included in a book of pocket size. I have them. Very few have ever been seen on TV. I also have appropriate pictures.

One thing I hope you would find of interest is an acknowledgement by one of the more important members of the Commission's legal staff that he wrote the basic conclusion on conspiracy into the Report when it was on the press and without even a typist to check on him. I have his own voice on tape saying this and much more that is new and shocking, such as that he knew the connection of the mysteriously-dead David Ferrie with the Cuban group whose return address Oswald used and its connection with the CIA-and did nothing.

If you read my first book, WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT, you may recall that in the introduction I pointed out that the members of the Commission were all too busy to really run the investigation and that this was done, in their names, by the staff. In the second book I said the members were spoon-fed a pre-digested pablum. Here, for the first time, is proof that their names were put on conclusions that are not conclusions to begin with and that they had not prepared themselves.

Because of the misguided pretended defense of the Commission members by those who pretend for the Commission to have erred there had to be a conspiracy involving everyone from the Chief Justice to the charwomen with least seniority in the Department of Justice, I think it is important that the people have this proof of how the Commission really did function, that what can honestly be said in defense of the integrity of the members be said, for those who pretend to be apologists may make a reasonable defense impossible.

In any event, I think you will find that OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS is entirely new, loaded with sensation, and entirely responsible because it comes from what the Commission staff left out. This includes such things as the known threat to kill the President by David Ferrie. I have the FBI report on it. With 10,000,000 pages and thousands upon thousands of pages, the Commission staff did not include this (and many other reports) that it had. The same lawyer, on the same tape, says he alone decided not to call Ferrie as a witness because the FBI reports showed he was not involved in anything!

I do hope you will find interest in this new material. If you do, I can bring copies of all 400 pages of these suppressed documents with me, the tape recording, the pictures, etc. and I think the result can be an exciting, responsible and very worthwhile show. With the Shaw trial now scheduled for mid-February (unless the defense, which has been responsible for 100% of the delays, can obtain another), I think this could be very timely. I would suggest, however, that nothing be said about Shaw because of the closeness of the trial.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg